

**REMARKS**

This is submitted as a full and complete response to the outstanding Restriction Requirement. The Examiner has restricted the claims grouping them as Group I, Claims 1-3 and 5-17 drawn to a method for detecting a hapten in a sample. Group II, Claims 4 and 19-31 drawn to a method for detecting a hapten in a sample using a rapid flow-through inhibition assay formation. Group III, Claim 18 drawn to the surface plasmon resonance based immunoassay format method.

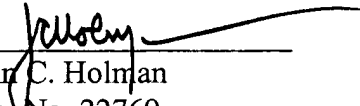
The Applicants herewith elect to continue prosecution on Group II, namely Claims 4 and 19-31 drawn to a method for detecting a hapten in a sample using a rapid flow-through inhibition assay formation. This election is made without traverse. The Applicants retain the right to file divisional applications on the non-elected claims.

Early and favorable action on the elected claims is courteously awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

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